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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated November 18, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 25 and 26 as follows:

25. (Amended) The device of claim 24 wherein the machined assembly is selected from the group consisting of an engine and an automotive vehicle, and where the joint includes at least one of a gasket and seal between parts of the machined assembly.

26. (Amended) The device of claim 25 wherein the gasket or seal is for a part selected from the group consisting of an oil pan, a valve cover, a transmission pan, a differential housing, a rocker-arm cover, and a bearing seal.